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Global Wave of Light

Sunday 15 October, 7-8 pm

We would like to invite you to join others across the world by lighting a candle at 7pm local time and leaving it burning for at least one hour to remember all babies that have died too soon.

St Andrew's Church, Swavesey, will be open all day (Sunday Service between 11 am & 12 pm) for your quiet reflections and especially between 7-8 pm, for those who would like to light a candle as part of the global wave of light. Come and go quietly as you wish.

Alternatively, join the virtual Wave of Light, by taking a photo of your candle and posting it to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using #WaveOfLight at 7pm local time.

Details from Martin & Diane Herrington
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Baby Loss Awareness Week
9-15 October

https://babyloss-awareness.org/

EDITORIAL

So here we are into Autumn after an indifferent summer in the UK -other places found it too hot for comfort! However we can look and see the colours of the leaves as they prepare for winter, enjoy the autumn fruits, and find a new pastime by checking out what is available at the village college - make new friends if you are new to the village there are a lot of things to tempt you.

Are you finding the plethora of potholes a pain? then complain to your local authority- the more of us who do this the more (remote)chance there is our voices will be heard! Add to this the closure of local roads meaning we have to take long diversions to get anywhere! Fair enough the work needs doing but how many times have you driven past road works/traffic lights but nobody is actually on site or working?

The beautiful display of wild flowers at Swan pond shown on the front cover photo is just one of the projects co-ordinated by the Sustainability Hub. Just goes to show what nature can do when we give it a helping hand

As always thanks for your contributions,

The deadline for December/January is **20 October**.
Editor

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Sunday 15 October	St Andrews Church	Global Wave of Light - 7-8pm - St Andrews Church - Remember all babies that have died too soon
Saturday 28 October	Over Day Centre	Memory Café - 10am - 12noon - Over Day Centre - Inviting all people with memory loss
Saturday 18 November	Alison Martin	Swavesey Christmas Craft Market -10-4pm in the Memorial Hall - Tombola and Refreshments in aid of Over Day Centre - Contact 07719 624201
Saturday 25 November	Over Day Centre	Memory Café - 10am - 12noon - Over Day Centre - Inviting all people with memory loss
Saturday 23 December	Over Day Centre	Memory Café - 10am - 12noon - Over Day Centre - Inviting all people with memory loss

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October		
Friday 6	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 13	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Sunday 15	St Andrews Church	Global Wave of Light - 7-8pm - St Andrews Church - Remember all babies that have died too soon
Friday 20	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 27	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 28	Over Day Centre	Memory Café - 10am - 12noon - Over Day Centre - Inviting all people with memory loss
November		
Friday 3	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 9	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 10	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 17	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 18	Alison Martin	Swavesey Christmas Craft Market -10-4pm in the Memorial Hall - Tombola and Refreshments in aid of Over Day Centre - Contact 07719 624201
Friday 24	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 25	Over Day Centre	Memory Café - 10am - 12noon - Over Day Centre - Inviting all people with memory loss
Monday 27	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
December		
Friday 1	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey WI News

2023 dates.

October 9th	My Photographic Story by Kevin Pitney.
November 13th	Christmas Cooking Demonstration.
December 11th	Christmas Celebration.

2024 dates.

January 8th	Pre-loved Auction.
February 12th	”One of our own” - A World War 2 Story by David Duker.

On a beautiful day in August, 21 members set off on their coach trip for a day in Aldeburgh, Suffolk. The weather was perfect, not an umbrella in sight!

Once there, the ladies enjoyed the town for its shopping and eateries and of course the beach and the inviting sea!

After spending time in Aldeburgh the ladies moved on to Snape Maltings to enjoy the lovely setting there. A really super day, giving our members time to spend with their friends.

If you like what you see we get up to and what we plan for our members and would like further information, please contact the following:-

Margaret Guest…….01954 202757

Deirdre Burgess……01954 230897.

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GUESS WHAT WE ARE DOING THIS YEAR.

Well, until two days ago I didn't know either. Our mag deadline is always weeks before publication, and it is only now that I have our new programme to share with you.

Once again there are some exciting evenings ahead, lectures, competitions and more casual events. These will all be posted up on our website, but so you can write them in your diaries, here is advance notice. Please remember on most Club nights we are meeting in SVC but occasionally we still have lectures on Zoom for practical reasons, so do check first.

Our lectures in October and November are as follows :

5th Oct : 'Flash for Wildlife Photography' by Kevin Pignet.'

12th Oct : 'Long Exposure' by Joe Haughton . NB on Zoom.

3rd Nov : 'Smart Shooting - Part 1 - beyond Auto' by Bob Brind-Surch.

16th Nov : 'The Journey' by Timothy Allen. NB on Zoom.

We have three Competitions, and each has an Advisory night a couple of weeks before, when we meet on Zoom and share helpful advice about our entries.

On 3rd October we will discuss entries for the Monochrome Trophy on the 19th.

Our set subject competition entries, 'Movement', will be examined on 26th ready for 9th November, and on the 21st of November we will view images for the Jo Sipos Colour Print on 7th Dec.

Member's Night on 23rd November should be an enjoyable evening, when our more experienced photographers put on individual shows, could be helpful practical information, a holiday, anything. No one knows until much closer to the night. Something to look forward to on a a dark winter's night. When writing these in your diary, might as well include our President's Evening on December 14th, fiendish quizzes, games and puzzles all with photographic themes, set by our President, Simon. Plenty to eat and drink to console the losers.

After this, which is in effect our Christmas Party, we break over the Holiday, and meet again in January.

Do come along any evening.
Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Jottings from the Hale Road Allotments.

This year it rained!

What a difference a year makes. Last summer the only way to keep our crops alive was to spend hours carrying can after can of water. However this season has been very different! After a dry spell in June we have had plenty of rain, probably more than most people, who don't have an allotment, wanted! We allotment holders on the other hand have enjoyed letting nature water our crops! On the down side this season has been perfect for weeds. Weeding has been a constant battle!

Hopefully many of you will have been able to taste some of our fruit and vegetables, purchased from our stall on the Market Street Green in early September, and realise why we do it. Having an allotment is not purely about growing produce though, it is also very good exercise (lots of digging in the autumn!) and it's also very sociable too.

If you were interested in having an allotment of your own then please do get in touch. We do have a waiting list, but plots come up frequently. My details can be found in the club section of the magazine. I'd be happy to give you more information and a tour around the site.

Val Sage (Chair of the Hale Road Allotment Association)

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Swavesey Spartans FC

World Cup. Following on from the questions left hanging on the Women's World Cup in the last edition of the Meridian, we know the answers…..USA did not complete a run of 3 successive wins, England did not record their first ever triumph but they did reach the final where Spain emerged from the other 30 nations at the finals to become World Champions for the first time ever. A single goal giving Spain victory in Sydney. So near, but just a step too far for the Dutch born England Head Coach Sarina Wiegman and her Lionesses.

The Club. The new season sees a new chairperson, Lewis Walsh, a new Secretary, Neil Jordison and a new treasurer, Amanda Foreman at the Spartans helm. Contact details are in the club information section of this Meridian.

How we operate. We have boys' and girls' teams entered in local leagues and we have players who only want to train. Fees start at £95 for the season and the most expensive fees are currently £140. The fees cover training costs, club insurance and mandatory activities that the club needs to comply with including ensuring we remain FA Chartered compliant. During the period from 1 September to 31 May all players will be able to train for one hour midweek on the new floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch at Swavesey Village College. We have our annual club celebration on Father's Day in June. Each player receives a memento and league teams have a players and manager annual awards. Each team plays around 20 league games.

This season Spartans will try to form an Under 7 (school year 2) squad (boys and girls) with a view to taking their first steps in the Mini League in the 2024/25 season. The club runs teams in most age groups of the local youth football spectrum, including the girls only competitions. Our oldest players are sixth form students, the majority of whom attended Swavesey Village College. Games are played on Swavesey Green, at Swavesey Village College as well as on pitches in Fen Drayton and Elsworth. Spartans are an FA Chartered Standard Club with all the coaches being trained to the FA dictated standard as well as having the necessary governance checks in place. If your child and wants to join Spartans, please get in touch using the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian There are opportunities for the parents too!

Cambridgeshire Leagues The 2023/24 Cambridgeshire FA league seasons for teams consisting of players aged 18 or under started on the weekend of 9/10 September 2023. Swavesey Spartans have 14 sides competing in the mini-league divisions, the colts league divisions and the women and girls league divisions. As you read this article the nights are drawing in and the 2023/24 football season is in full flow. Swavesey Spartans aim to provide football opportunities for all in a fun and safe environment within the framework imposed on all affiliated clubs by the Football Association

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This year's Over Players Christmas Pantomime

Avast there ye landlubbers! Time to join Captain Jack's scurvy crew for this year's Over Players Christmas Pantomime! Treasure Island is a very funny script by Ben Crocker based on the classic adventure tale by Robert Louis Stevenson and directed by Jack Stinton.

Join the adventurous Jim Hawkins, who comes across a treasure map and travels the high seas, meeting many characters, including Long John Silver, the most dastardly villain. But Long John Silver has never before had to deal with the Ladies of the Smugglers Cove Women's Institute!

Show dates: Tuesday 10th - Saturday 17th December 2023. There is an early show on Tuesday plus the ever popular matinee on Saturday. All performances are at the Over Community Centre CB24 5NW

Tickets go on sale at 9am on Monday 2nd October so add this to your diary today.

Though rehearsals are well underway, there is always space for more shipmates to go before the mast. Those prepared to swab the decks and paint the faces are always welcome.

We hope to 'sea' you there! You can expect a lot more nautical puns! (Oh yes you can!)

For any enquiries please email: pirate23@overplayers.uk

SWAVESEY LIBRARY

is your local voluntary run community library

It's our 20th anniversary in October.

To celebrate this wonderful achievement and to show your support for this fantastic village facility.

For Adults: - We invite anyone involved in the library past & present, volunteers, members & local dignitaries, to join us on Wednesday 11th October 6.30 – 8pm, to celebrate the highs and lows of the last 20 years, to learn more about the history of Swavesey library and to meet the team, whilst enjoying a glass of wine or two.

For children: - We have a 20th birthday party on Saturday 14th October 10 – 12noon. Loads of fun, party games and refreshments.
All free, no tickets required, we look forward to seeing you at the library.

We are open: -
Tuesday afternoons 3.30pm -5.30pm,
Wednesday evenings 5pm – 7pm and
Saturday mornings 10 – 12 noon.

Swavesey library can be found in the Old Entrance Hall, Swavesey Village College. Its entrance is at the righthand side of the Gibraltar Lane car park. Just follow the library signs.

For further information; -
see our web site www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/swavesey-library,
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MISCELLANY

Summer Outdoor Theatre; The Pantaloons.

This summer we again welcomed back the outdoor theatre company "The Pantaloons" to perform - this year with an interpretation of "Alice in Wonderland".

The Pantaloons have brought back the centuries old tradition of the travelling theatre troupe. Their audience participation, their keen comedy talents and silly songs assisted by perfect weather gave us all a wonderful evening of entertainment on the Market Street Green at the end of July.

Many thanks to all who came to support this village event- over 150 people came and it has raised £355 donated to the ongoing Red Cross Earthquake Appeal.

We plan to invite "The Pantaloons" back next summer for another outdoor theatre production; in the meantime you can follow them on social media or at: https://thepantaloons.co.uk.

Simon Shore.

Selwyn's Easy "Pop Groups Over the Decades" Quiz. Part 1

Solve the mainly cryptic clues below , e.g., Liverpudlian insects 3, 7 The Beatles - we said it was easy! Note, where a group is called "The Something", sometimes "The" is dropped.

Nuclear baby cat	6, 6
Wrist adornments	7
Scrawny phonetic Mike	5, 1
Opposite to hot and rest	8
Lads in rear thoroughfare	10, 4
"snoozy" jumper	2, 3
IV spinning toys	3, 4, 4
Found off Northumberland	11
Decorative shirt attachments	4, 5
Forces Officer with bird	10, 6

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page **27**

Swavesey 100 Years ago (Oct & Nov 1923)
From the Cambridge Chronicle

HORSE KILLED BY LIGHTNING. 5th Oct. 1923
A young horse belonging to Messrs. Johnson Bros., Fen Drayton, which was feeding with others in a field near Mow Fen railway gate house, was struck by lightning and killed in the severe thunderstorm which passed over Swavesey on the afternoon of Sunday, September 23rd. As reported last week, a valuable sow was struck and injured and a poplar tree damaged in the same storm.

GOOD ATTENDANCE. 12th Oct. 1923
Four children attending the National School have been awarded bars and one child a medal by the Cambs. Education Committee, for perfect attendance, viz., Edith Symonds (medal for one year), Stanley Wood, Winifred Wood and Lionel Wood (bar for two years), and Maurice Godfrey (bar for four years).

CONCERNING MOTOR-CYCLES. 19th Oct. 1923
At the meeting of the Standing Joint Committee on Saturday a member complained of the nuisance caused by noisy motorcycles, and Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis mentioned that in his village the speed was something terrific. Motor cyclists, he said, went through at 60 miles an hour, and seemed to be proud of it. The Chief Constable remarked that he thought he knew who the offenders were.

ARMISTICE DAY. 2nd Nov. 19230
As Armistice Day (November 11th) this year falls on a Sunday, the two minutes' silence will be observed during the morning service at the Parish Church. At evensong the names of all Swavesey men who served in the Navy, Army or Air Force during the Great War will be read out and remembered in prayer. Flanders poppies will be on sale in the village on the previous day.

WAR ON RATS. 2nd Nov. 1923
A correspondent, who is troubled with rats, points out that the Minister of Agriculture has set apart next week for a special effort to be made throughout the country in the waging of war on rats, those enemies of mankind which devour our grain and roots, destroy our houses and outbuildings, and are the carriers of the worst diseases; and he is anxious to know what steps the local authorities are taking "to stir up the people of the parish to the necessity of trying to keep the brutes down," either by individual effort or concerted action. The rat, the writer adds, is a partial migrant, which at this period of the year leaves the fields and open spaces where it has carried on its destructive work since the spring, to seek shelter for itself and its numerous progeny in houses, barns and stores during the winter, and he urges that it is the duty of everyone who has the public welfare at heart to do everything in his power to reduce the numbers of this very prolific rodent. But a lead should be given by the local authorities.

POPULATION OF THE PARISH. 9th Nov. 1923
The population of Swavesey at the time of the Census in 1921 was practically the same as it was in 1801, when the first Census was taken in this country, namely, 830 in 1921 and 831 in 1801. During the 120 years which elapsed between the first and the last Census, the population rose and fell, e.g., 1,273 in 1841, 1,344 in 1871, 899 in 1901, and 904 in 1911.

A PROJECT ABANDONED. 16th Nov. 1923
There appears to be no likelihood of a Women's Institute being established in Swavesey, yet awhile at any rate. In February, when the question of forming one was first brought forward, the proposal was not received with enthusiasm, it was decided to consider the matter again in the autumn, and, in order that this might be done, a meeting was held in the school on Friday evening. Only eight or nine ladies attended this meeting, fewer than in February, and, as there were other indications that a general desire for an Institute did not exist, there was no alternative but to abandon the project. It seems, however, a pity that an organisation which has been proved to be most useful in other villages, should not find favour in Swavesey, but it is only fair to add that there appears to be an impression abroad that there are already enough societies, etc., in the parish.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 23rd Nov. 1923
Owing to the prevalence of illness amongst the children, the National School was closed on Tuesday, and will not be re-opened until after Christmas.

HOCKEY. 30th Nov. 1923
The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey eleven gained a decisive victory over the Cam second team at Cambridge on Thursday week by eight goals to one. Unfortunately, Cam could only put nine players into the field, while the visitors were at full strength. The following scored for Swavesey: Misses E. Heasman (2), B. Thoday (2), D. Carter (2), and J. Kirby (2). The return match was played yesterday (Thursday), and again Swavesey ladies scored a victory, winning this time by six goals to nil.

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Sustainability news……..

Library of Things and biodiversity areas

Why buy if we can borrow? Sheddit!, Swavesey's Community Shed, is embarking on an exciting and innovative project. We are building a mobile Library of Things due to launch next March. The idea is that Library lends people useful items they need only occasionally, reducing the need for excessive purchasing and wasteful consumption. The Library will use sustainable energy and we hope it will be an inspiration for us all to consume less and recycle and reuse more.

This initiative has been funded by South Cambs Zero Carbon Communities and supported by of Cambridge Carbon Footprint. If you would like to get involved in any of the Sheddit! activities, email Phil on drphilcoffee@gmail.com

The Parish Council is creating several large raised beds of drought tolerant plants in the public tarmacked area between Priory Avenue and Carters Way. There will be a Mediterranean style herb garden, children's games painted onto the ground and the beds will be arranged so that children can continue to use their bikes and scooters in the area. The work will be carried out by volunteers in September. Please contact Rachel on rvollerthun@swavesey.org.uk if you would like to help, or if you have plants, which enjoy dry soil, to donate.

The Whitton Close wildflower area created by residents looks stunning, as does the area at Swan pond, planted by the Parish Council, and the wildlife area by Moat Way playground is now rich with flowering plant species, many donated by local residents.

The Library Presents is back for a jam-packed autumn season of arts activities in libraries across the county. As always, there are performances and workshops to suit all ages, with music, theatre, dance, magic, puppetry and even some film. The season starts on 1st October 2023 with a reduced version of Macbeth, 'the Scottish Play', and runs through to mid-December, with arts and crafts workshops and many more performances. There is a theme of horror, murder and chills, with Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde, murder mystery and sinister silent film; but the season also has a lighter side, with fairytales, magic and balloons. Altogether there is a glorious mix of uplifting, enchanting and playful treats for the autumn months ahead.

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Memories by Will Wright

At the start of the 5th year at the boys County there had been a 5/6 day visit to Paris for those students specialising in French language classes, Needless to say it didn't happen in my year as it was cancelled on account of numerous "Sorbonne riots & demonstrations". It would seem that the French people have a special way of causing havoc and bringing entire cities to a halt. The water cannons were out on the streets shooting all & sundry which put the block on any tourist visits etc. I was lucky enough to score good passes in six of my O level results & went on to study French & Medieval History at A level along with a Latin back up, as Latin forms the basis of so many European languages, I must add that I have only ever spoken it in Italy and slurred the endings of the words a bit but there you go!

The school also had an annual trip to Italy for those lads studying classical languages and/or history so I managed to qualify again for my first ever foreign holiday trip abroad. I think it was about a dozen of us, plus of course 3 or 4 teachers and the headmaster Mr Eagling who boarded what was then the original Trans Europe Express train in London. We didn't have the luxury of sleeper cabins so we crashed out on the bench seats & luggage racks as the first stop for our carriage was Milan, where we spent a day during which we had a tour of the grand old Opera House amongst a couple of other buildings before moving on to Rome.

We visited the Vatican City, though I don't think the Pope was in, if he was he didn't come out to see us! Needless to say we all went to the Trevi Fountain and threw in a few English coins to bring us all good luck & a safe journey home. Before leaving we had the picturesque tour round all the ancient buildings mainly surrounding the Colosseum which of course we entered - the tourist area of course. Sadly we were unable to get inside the Sistine Chapel as it was closed for repairs and internal decorations to the roof. Never the less it was all seen as an amazing step back in time. We then moved on to Venice where we spent 2 or 3 days whilst actually staying on the lido island.

Whilst we were checking out Saint Marks square we actually came across Mr Harold Macmillan and a few of his chums, who was the UK's Prime Minister in those days. After having a couple of days on the main island we went on a trip to the Murano Glass factory which was quite staggering to see what these experts could create by just blowing glass, thoroughly recommend a visit but be careful if you pick any-thing up as it could cost you a fortune if it is dropped!!

All in all it was a pretty good little trip and got even better when, on the very last evening on the Lido, the guys that were running the wine bar where we were staying, started to chat & asked if we fancied a glass of wine, there was three or four of us so we weren't going to say no were we ?, and what's more is that it wasn't actually illegal over there so we had a right old laugh. That is to say until there was a knock on the door in the morning and when i opened it to be confronted by none other than Mr Eagling, our Head master, " aargh Wright " (meaning me) he said , "I'll talk to you later, now get your gang together as we have a train to catch". That was it, ferry to the mainland, board the train with the carriage marked Paris North and off we went back home to jolly old England, via Northern Italy & a quick trip back through France.

When Selwyn stopped being Distribution Manager for The Meridian, he was asked for his favourite article from the past ten years. He immediately choose "Rabbit pie" which was in the June/July 2016 issue. David Crouch was born in Boxworth End, Swavesey in 1930 and lived in the village all of his life. He was widely known and respected throughout many local villages and in Cambridge as The Paraffin Man. He died in June 2018.

The Paraffin Man.
Part IV. Rabbit pie

My father bought his first horse-drawn waggon in 1921 to sell paraffin oil and hardwares in Swavesey and around local villages. After leaving school I started working regularly on the rounds with him. I remember him teaching me to always keep the customer's coin or note in my left hand and pass over any change with my right hand before putting the payment in my bag. That way I could always show the customer their money if there was any query about how much they had paid me. If you weren't on your guard they might claim to have given you half a crown when it was only a two shilling piece. It proved to be good advice over the years.

It was usually late afternoon when sales representatives visited father and Uncle Will and over the years there were very many of them. Mr Connor who sold china and crockery for Barratts of Cambridge called once a month. Mr Voss travelled for Gossage & Watson, owners of Persil, who were later taken over by Lever Brothers. Mr Cross who called to see Uncle Will was a traveller for a sweet and tobacco wholesalers. My sister Betty and I tried to get home from school first so we could take him the cup of tea that mother made because he would give us sixpence, which was a lot of money in those days. Mr Drysdale travelled for Proctor & Gamble, the Fairy Liquid people and he also liked mother's teapot. He was a betting man and if a race was being broadcast on the wireless he and Uncle Will would have a pound bet on which horse would win. Mr Blunt was still travelling for HP sauce and vinegar when he was over eighty years old and he was a real gentleman. Twice a year father would order between seven and ten barrels of vinegar, each containing twelve and a half gallons (57 litres). Goodness only knows who bought it all from us!

Father's second horse-drawn waggon came from Mr Harry Cooper, a hardware and furniture dealer of Balsham, whose family opened the Cooper furniture shop

in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Father is holding the horse with this waggon in the photograph taken outside 66 Boxworth End, near the entrance to Rose and Crown Road. In 1938 he bought his third waggon from a Mr Hewson in Fenstanton who was retiring. He got it cheaply because it had been in an accident and the front wheels were missing. He had it moved to Fullers, wheelwrights in St Ives, to be used as a pattern for a new waggon. Unfortunately, while the new one was being made the workshop burnt down and the new woodwork was destroyed. So Mr Fuller restored and repainted Mr Hewson's waggon with father's name on it but the only pair of wheels he had of the right size were from a horse-drawn London fire engine so that waggon had a bit of history about it.

In wintertime when the roads were often covered with snow and ice father had the horse's shoes tapped and threaded to take frost studs. Snow would build up on the iron rims of the wheels and make the four-wheeled waggon hard work for the horse to pull. Sometimes we came across slippery places in the road and had to get sand from heaps by the roadside and sprinkle it down before we dared to continue the journey. Then in summer when it was very hot, wet tar would pick up on the rims, sometimes in lumps as big as teacups. I have known father come home from Knapwell all the way round on the more level ground via Conington and Fen Drayton rather than attempting the steep rise up the hill from Knapwell to Boxworth.

Often on the run home from Knapwell or Conington on a cold, dark winter's evening we might be met by one or two men who would hail father and sell him rabbits, as many as a couple of dozen at a time. When we got into Swavesey he would direct me to take two to this house and two to the one over there and one to the house on the left etc. Of course, we always saved two or three for mother to cook during the week.

Sometimes on a round we would stop at a public house at lunchtime. Not that father drank much but it made a suitable stop for us to give our horse its nosebag. In any case, most farm workers would be stopped at the same time and the last thing a housewife wanted was someone calling as she was serving her husband's dinner. The bag was made of coconut matting, leather bound with a strap to go over the horse's head. It contained the animal's mid-day meal known as "sifting" which included oats, bran and linseed cake and in winter we would add sliced mangels. The horse would murmur while it munched away happily, slobbering from the mouth.

One of the most unforgettable memories I have of that time is riding home late on a cold winter's afternoon after a busy and tiring day. Taking the horse out of the shafts, taking the harness off, feeding her and bedding her down on clean straw for the night. Locking the barn door then walking across the yard, very hungry, opening the back door and being greeted by a glowing fire in the kitchen range. Mother opening the oven door where I could see and smell a lovely rabbit pie with thick, crusty pastry on top, to be followed by an apple pie and custard with cups of hot tea – what more could anyone ask for. I can smell that rabbit pie as I sit here writing this now.

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Low Hill is an unassuming yet fascinating feature of Fen Drayton Lakes. It lies within Elney Lake (historically known as Low Fen), on a peninsula which protrudes in from the western side. For most people visiting, it merely looks like a raised mound covered by grass with a margin of reeds, but that belies the history that lies underneath.

Until recently we didn't know much about it but learned more thanks to the work of a student, James Foard, who brought together literature from various sources during his studies and shared them with us.

Low Hill is a type of 'bowl barrow' or tumulus, a mound of earthen construction about 25m in diameter by 1m high. Barrows were sites where burials were made. These were sometimes for just one person or for multiple people. Burial mounds were often built on higher ground so their cultural significance would be visible to people. Finding higher ground is a tricky ask in the fens as there are few areas with suitable topography, so this early example was built up artificially to raise it above the level of the floodplain.

Due to the shape and structure of the barrow, it is thought to pre-date the Romans and is suspected to be from the Bronze Age. Barrows from this period are rare features within Cambridgeshire and this one represents an excellent example, being of a large size and well preserved.

However, there are some unknowns as to what else very early examples may have been used for since they were created. Within the Ouse Valley, two thirds of barrows have been found to be either reused, modified or incorporated into other monuments over time.

The site has never been excavated so these facets of its history can only be alluded to, based on similar sites elsewhere. Thus, what is known about

Low Hill bowl barrow – Photo credit RSPB

Low Hill is not a complete picture and one which likely has more stories to tell. In the eyes of James, it stands "as a monument to the people that have lived and died here throughout prehistory and their lost funerary traditions and ritual practices".

When the area was dug out for gravel in the 1990s, Low Hill was preserved. We maintain the monument nowadays by making sure scrub and trees don't take over and affect the archaeology within. It is a great corner for wildlife, and we have even found Harvest Mouse nests in the grass there. Over time we plan to make more of it by installing an information board at the viewpoint by the guided busway.

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It Will Probably Be Cloudy…

A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during October and November.

As per the title of this article, the peak of the Perseids meteor shower in August was mostly obscured!

Over the last few years, we've been lucky enough to experience visits to planets, comets and more, facilitated by robots sent to these distant locations by space agencies like NASA and ESA. This year is no different, and one of the more interesting missions is NASA's Psyche mission.

Psyche is an asteroid in the asteroid belt, a region of space between Mars and Jupiter, containing millions of bits of rock and metal, and it's the latter that this new mission is looking into. Iron is an extremely important part of our solar system, with all of the rocky planets having a core made mostly of it. Could Psyche be a fragment of the core of a planet that never quite formed? Could this provide an insight into the formation of our own planet Earth?

While Psyche won't reach its target until 2029, its launch, currently slated for 5th October 2023, is something to look out for!

The Draconids meteor shower produces about 10 meteors per hour. It is produced by dust grains left behind by comet 21P Giacobini-Zinner. The shower runs annually from the 6th – 10th October and peaks this year on the night of the 8th. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Draco, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

The Orionids meteor shower produces up to 25 meteors per hour at its peak. It is caused by dust grains left behind by the famous Halley's comet. The shower runs annually from the 2nd October to 7th November. It peaks this year on the night of 21st October.

On 23rd October Venus is at Greatest Western Elongation. This is the best time to view Venus since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the bright planet in the eastern sky before sunrise.

The Full Moon on 28th October is traditionally called the Hunter's Moon. October is a time to start preparing for the coming winter by hunting or slaughtering animals and preserving meat. It is also called Travel Moon, Dying Grass Moon, and sometimes Blood Moon or Sanguine Moon.

Also on 28th October, the UK will see a partial lunar eclipse. From the UK we'll only see a small fraction of the Full Moon pass into the umbra. At its maximum, which occurs at 21:15, just 12% will be in shadow.

Jupiter will be at Opposition on 3rd November. The giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long.

The Taurids meteor shower is a long-running meteor shower producing 5-10 meteors per hour. It is unusual in that it consists of two separate streams. The first is produced by dust grains left behind by Asteroid 2004 TG10. The second stream is produced by debris left behind by Comet 2P Encke. The shower runs annually from 7th September to 10th December. It peaks this year on the night of 4th November.

On 13th November, Uranus will be at Opposition. The blue-green planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and is visible all night long. Due to its distance, it will only appear as a tiny blue-green dot in all but the most powerful amateur telescopes.

The Leonids meteor shower produces an average of up to 15 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by dust grains left behind by comet Tempel-Tuttle. The shower runs annually from 6th – 30th November. It peaks this year on the night of the 17th November.

Image from Wikipedia - Leonids 2009 (Ed)

November's Full Moon on 27th November is traditionally called a Beaver Moon, after beavers that build their dams during this time of the year and because this was the time of year to set the beaver traps before the swamps and rivers froze. It is also called Frost Moon, Dark Moon, and Mourning Moon.

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World Jamboree Report

All sections resumed sessions in September, with a new programme of exciting activities to look forward to after the summer break. One of our former Scouts, Bill Crowther, had a big adventure at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea this summer. This takes place every four years, and Bill was one of only 45 Explorer Scouts from across Cambridgeshire to be selected for the first event post COVID. Here is his first hand account.

The world scout jamboree was pretty much unlike anything I have ever done. It is the largest gathering of individuals in scouting, with over 50,000 participants, leaders, and volunteers from around the world. It was hosted in south Korea, between the 1st and the 12th of August, on a purpose-built campsite on the coast of Korea; however, the entire process for me to get to the jamboree began much earlier.

It began in December 2021, not long after the end of lockdown, with a selection event in which 45 scouts and explorers aged 12 – 16 from Cambridgeshire were selected from 120 people who had applied. When I first wrote out my application form, I did not expect to be selected. But when I was selected, I realised that selection was probably the least challenging part. To go to the world scout jamboree every UK participant must raise just under £4,000 in the 18 months between selection and the jamboree itself. This pays for: the site; flights to and from the jamboree; events/activities on and off site; accommodation before and after the jamboree; and lastly, for other participants from less well-off countries, who would struggle to raise such a large sum of money.

The fundraising was not easy. I was pretty much at a bake sale one week; hosting a quiz night the next; at a bucket shake outside a supermarket not long after; and organising a Mother's Day café event a few days later. Over the course of eighteen months though it seemed to become easier to manage, I had help from family and other people within scouting which made fundraising much easier to manage, since I wasn't trying to do it all alone.

Finally, after 18 months of waiting, we flew out to Korea. Travel was tiring, made worse by the fact that for me, sleeping on a plane was pretty much impossible. By the time we got to the hotel (which we stayed at before the Jamboree began) I was exhausted. The hotel itself was located near the centre of Seoul (the capital of Korea) there was a lot to do as we waited for the jamboree itself, including a visit to the demilitarized zone, and we met scouts from other countries who would be going to the jamboree.

Before the jamboree had begun, however, there were issues with the site. Flooding due to monsoon rains meant that the site opened a day late due to flooding and when we finally arrived, it was right in the middle of a heatwave. Humidity meant that during midday temperatures reached 37 degrees and felt like between 42 and 45 degrees. The heat meant that activities had to be cancelled, it also caused illness in many people including myself during the course of the jamboree. I was lucky enough to only be affected by heat related illness for one afternoon, but many were worse off.

Despite this, our time on camp wasn't all bad. We talked to people from all over the world and made the most of the time we had on the site getting to know people, doing what activities weren't cancelled, and attending evening events set up around the site. Until, five days from the scheduled closing ceremony the UK contingent pulled out all 4,500 of its scouts and volunteers due to the high heat, poor site conditions, and an incoming tropical storm. The rest of the participants from around the world followed soon after.

The rest of our time in Korea was spent in Seoul, people there were kind to us and seemed to feel bad that we hadn't got the experience we were promised. And yet, whilst the 25th world scout jamboree wasn't the one that we expected. It was still a unique opportunity to learn. We learned about different cultures and people around the world; we learned how to make the best of things when they don't go as planned; and we learned how to overcome challenges. So, although it wasn't what we expected, in my opinion we still had a life-changing jamboree experience. Thank you to everyone that helped me get there.

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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

Enjoying the Outdoors

All the Swavesey units enjoyed some sessions outdoors during the Summer Term. We are lucky to have outside space at SVC, the nature reserve and an area with fire pits to use. 1st Swavesey Rainbows enjoyed several activities for the Explore the Outdoors challenge badge with some sessions held at SVC outdoor classroom we felt the air in wind wands, played a game about beach safety, we used our senses to explore trees and made nature collages, we played wide games and had a teddy bear's picnic. Back at Bethel we planted flowers in our lovely new tubs by the front doors and went on a chip hike with The White Horse supplying the chips.

1st Swavesey Brownies had a visit from local entomologist Duncan Coston for the final meeting of the term. He kindly lent us equipment including sweep nets and bug viewers for insect hunting and ID. The battery-operated pooters, which suck small insects into a clear tube for viewing, were popular with the girls and lots of fun! He also brought along 70-year-old butterfly and beetle specimens. We lit fires and toasted and ate marshmallows and finished the evening with enthusiastic campfire singing. 2nd Swavesey Brownies went to play squash at SVC and held a joint meeting with 2nd Over Brownies at the fire pits. The Brownies all had a go at lighting fires, and then they cooked and ate s'mores and sang campfire songs. Seven new Brownies and two new leaders made their promise around the fires.

1st Swavesey Guides completed the Feel Good in Nature challenge over several meetings outdoors. At the Nature Reserve we picked up litter and used all our senses to feel good in nature and become more observant and mindful. At SVC outdoor classroom we picked more litter and tried soap carving and making a dreamcatcher using leaves and twigs. We had three sessions at the fire pits, cooking hot dogs and s'mores to say goodbye to two guides, and for four new guides to make their Promise. Another week some did gas stove cooking (making a favourite meal healthier) and some did Hapa Zome (natural dying using hammers). On our final week we explored how we can care for trees and their associated flora and fauna and planted some bulbs and seeds by the shed. We ate food the rangers had cooked (golden syrup dumplings and mini sausages). We also cooked our own s'mores and popcorn.

1st Swavesey Rangers spent a weekend at our County residential centre sleeping in The Loft at The Jarman Centre. Lara used this to gain her Going Away With qualification and the Rangers did activities linked to a Lord of the Rings themed challenge badge: making mini bows and arrows, hammering leaves onto fabric, making wire rings, soap carving, and doing a quiz to get to know each other better. They also managed to do some cooking over an

altar fire, despite the poor weather, and two Rangers made their promise. The Rangers ended the summer term with a session at the fire pits They cooked sausages on sticks, made camp fire pudding, and made golden syrup dumplings for the guides.

All units took part in a Great Ouse division day, travelling by coach to Hautbois Activity Centre in Coltishall, Norfolk. Rainbows tried, soft archery, pond dipping and night-trail; Brownies did shelter building, climbing and low ropes or obstacle course; Guides and Rangers had bushcraft, crate stacking, raft building and initiative tests. Everyone earned a badge and we finished the day with a hot dog, campfire songs and games before the long drive home, a wonderful day!

Swavesey Rainbows is full with a waiting list, sign your daughters up early for Rainbows, don't wait until she is 5 and her friends have started!
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From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello Everybody

Well it has been a strange summer with variable weather and lots of sport of every variety. The work of the council continues as does the four day week experiment. The administration has embarked on an independent review of the service they provide which will be completed before Christmas. I will report the highlights when they are available.

During the summer the Council has been running a campaign to make householders aware of their duty to ensure they only employ a reputable company to dispose of their waste in order to avoid fly tipping. If a fly tip can be traced back to a household they would be liable for up to a £400 fine. If you see rubbish which has been left on our droves and field gateways, please report it to SCDC either online or by phone. Unfortunately, one dump seems to attract more!

The Council has been awarded significant funding to provide 13 additional homes from phase 2 of the Local Authority Housing Fund for refugees. This is in addition to the funding for 40 homes that they received for phase 1. In total the council has been granted just over £2.4m. The latest award, together with Council borrowing, will be used to provide 10 homes for refugee families from Afghanistan, plus 3 additional properties which we can use for temporary accommodation to reduce the use of bed and breakfast type accommodation for the homeless. Under the terms of the funding when the properties are no longer needed for either refugee or temporary housing they will be treated as normal HRA housing (ie added to council stock). The longer-term legacy for this project will be an increase in social housing within the District. The Council must complete the purchases by the end of the financial year and is looking to acquire a mix of new-build properties from developers, and open market properties through Estate Agents.

It has been good to work with various groups in Swavesey to promote their bids for community or Eco grants which are given by South Cambs District. The Squash club is increasing their insulation and the community group has planted wild flowers, as well as the Parish Council improving the space in Priory Avenue and Carters Way. I am a member of the grants committee and I would encourage any clubs or organisations to apply for grants up to £2000 for the community grant or £15000 for Eco grants. If you want to know whether you are eligible and meet the criteria - give me a ring.

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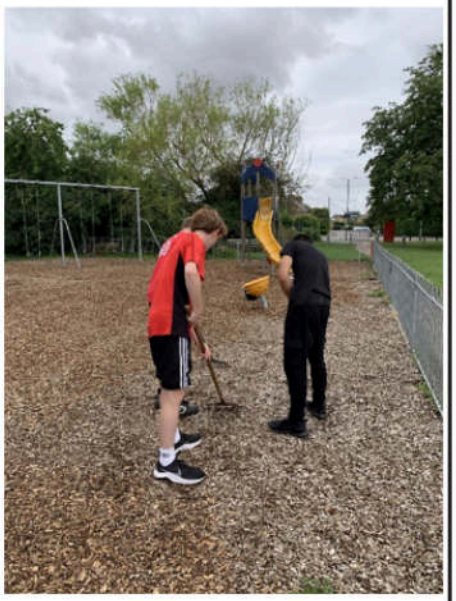
Thank You!

To young people from the village who carried out volunteering during July, thank you so much.

1st Swavesey Scout Group, carried out a litterpick on 5th July in various locations around the village.

Village College Student Experience Week – 20+ students over two days, cleaned all of the children's play equipment on both the Recreation Green and Moat Way green; spread a huge amount of bark around the play area; cleaned benches and information boards in both areas, the Memorial Hall Garden and Market St Green plus lots of weeding and open space maintenance.



We also have a number of **Duke of Edinburgh Award students** who carryout volunteering all year round in the village. Tasks include: regular litterpicking; gardening maintenance in the community orchard; maintenance work around the allotment site.

This volunteering is really appreciated and valued and we thank you all for your help from Swavesey Parish Council

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News July/August 2023

County Council Business

Unfortunately this year's LHI bid regarding the improvement of the School Lane/Thistle Green junction did not receive the necessary grant funding to go ahead.

Following the re-surfacing of Buckingway Road we are chasing up the repainting of the central white line as you enter the village and the layby lines. Highways will not be replacing the red highway 3-2-1 lines as they are still mostly in place.

A request has been made to Mick George Ltd to carry out repairs & fill the potholes in the tarmac section of Middle Fen Drove.

There has still been no notification as to when the highway & footpath surfacing of Burgess Close and the completion of the junction with Boxworth End will be completed. The PC continues to chase this up.

The parking issues around Market Street and the surrounding area are of major concern & the Police have been asked to visit with regard to the continuous parking on double yellow lines. A working group is to be set up to look in more detail at the parking and access issues around the Market St area and more information on this will follow later this year.

This autumn, the County Council is discussing with the Parish Council the traffic calming options for Boxworth End-Ramper Rd, which will be funded via the Northstowe development to mitigate against increased traffic through that end of the village due to Northstowe. A new webpage has been created to keep residents informed, so please do look at the updates, and consultation events will take place as discussions progress. https://www.swavesey.org.uk/traffic-calming/

District Council Business

Mobile Warden scheme: The Parish Council highlighted to the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and County Council, the continuing issues around lack of grant funding towards community warden schemes. A new grant fund to help promote these schemes has now been made available and the ICB will continue to identify other opportunities to support these schemes.

Most of you will have now realised that the wheelie bin collection day has been changed to Fridays as of September 15th.

COUNCIL NEWS

The PC has been awarded a £300 grant from the SCDC Community Chest towards the Community Garden project in the open area on the Carters Way/Priory Avenue Estate.

Drainage

The Environment Agency (EA) has basically put a large number of future local housing developments on hold by raising objections regarding drainage and the lack of water in the sub soil chalk aquafers in our region. The EA are also carrying out further modelling work on the riverbank though the parish, in relation to flood risk. The PC and IDB have been asking for many years for maintenance work to take place to bring this section of the riverbank up to its design height. Data is expected during autumn.

Village Projects & Maintenance

War memorial cleaning, we are currently awaiting quotations for the professional cleaning of the Stone Memorial in the Churchyard.

Hedgehog Highways - The PC has agreed to support this initiative & purchase some hedgehog surrounds, for holes in fences and gates, for distribution in the village, in collaboration with the Sustainability Hub.

Following consultation with neighbouring residents the Poplar trees around Moat Way pond are to be felled this autumn. The Poplars have reached the end of their life, they are already deteriorating and rotting inside. Although it is a difficult to decision to fell trees, safety and risk has to be considered. The area will be re-landscaped and replanted with smaller, native trees.

The Tree Warden's report was considered and other general tree maintenance work will be carried out on trees situated on both the Recreation & Market Street Greens, before next spring.

A small willow tree which fell in Constables Rood has been cleared.

Ongoing Items & Matters to report

The PC would like to thank the 20 or so students who over the 11th & 12th of July cleaned & weeded both play equipment areas, washing the benches around the Recreation & Market Street greens, also gardening and tidying the Memorial Garden next to the Hall. This is in addition to the Swavesey Scouts who litter picked around the village in the first week of July - well done and many thanks to you all. *Continued on next page*

The PC has received confirmation from SCDC that the White Horse Inn has been re-listed as an Asset of Community Value for a further period of 5 years.

A trolley/garden cart has been purchased for use by the village Handyman.

Two street recycling bins have been installed by SCDC as part of a scheme to trial recycling in public areas around the villages. Our bins are located on the Recreation Green & Market Street Green.

Finance

The PC is creating a reserve fund to hold S106 monies from CCC to assist the Swavesey Library relocation & works.

The 2022/23 external audit has been completed & passed with no questions raised.

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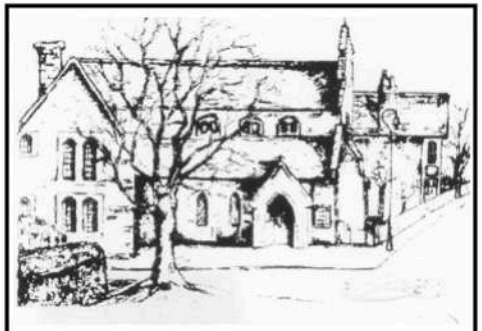
Memorial Hall Administrator: Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council.

All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.



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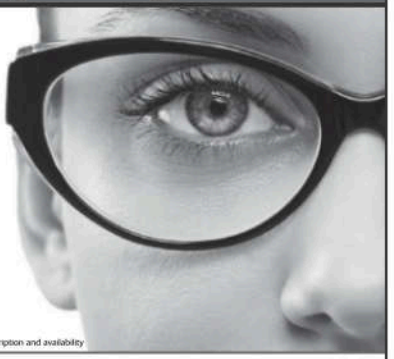

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St Andrew's Church

Services at St Andrew's
You are always welcome to join us at 11am on Sunday mornings. We usually hold a communion service on the first three Sundays in the month and a more relaxed service of Morning Praise on the fourth Sunday. We have a band that plays at this service and would welcome any new musicians if you would like to join us in our worship. If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, you might not find us at St Andrew's as we take this opportunity to praise God with the other churches in our 5Folds benefice.

At 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer remembering the people of Ukraine, followed by Compline (a short-sung service of night prayer). By tradition, people then leave in silence.

Wave of Light, Sunday, October 15th
We would like to invite you to join others across the world by lighting a candle at 7pm and leaving it burning for at least one hour to remember all babies that have died too soon.
The church will be open all day (Sunday Service between 11am and 12 noon) for your quiet reflections and especially between 7-8 pm, for those who would like to light a candle as part of the global wave of light. Come and go quietly as you wish. Alternatively, join the virtual Wave of Light, by taking a photo of your candle and posting it to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using #WaveOfLight at 7pm local time. Details from Martin & Diane Herrington: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk (01954 230894)

Service of Remembrance: Sunday, November 12th: 10:50pm
As usual, this will be a joint service with Bethel Baptist Church and will be begin outside in the carpark and then move into church for the rest of the Remembrance Service.

Christingle Service: Sunday December 3rd: 4:30pm
Please come and mark the beginning of the Advent season with us at our annual Christingle Service which is organised in support of The Children's Society, *"a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect."*

We would love to welcome you to any of our services.

5folds Benefice News
Following Rev'd Lucy Cleland's move to Bristol in July, the 5Folds benefice needs to appoint a new Team Vicar. In the meantime, as our Team rector, Rev'd Simon Gill, is still unwell, Rev'd Jenny Hill has been licensed as Interim Team Leader until January. Canon Jan Payne will be helping her.

St Andrew's Church

St Ives Food Bank
We are still collecting food for the St Ives Foodbank; if you would like to make a donation to the Food Bank at St Ives, which serves our local area, we have a box in church for your food gifts. The box is emptied regularly and the contents taken to the centre at All Saint Parish Church in St Ives. More information, including particular needs and shortages, can be found at: https://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk/foodbank/

If you, or anyone you know, need help, and do not know who to contact, use the same link and you will find further information about how to apply. The Food Bank serves everyone in crisis regardless of faith or belief. It is underpinned by the belief that everyone has the right to food, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

Events at St Andrew's

St Andrew's Zipwire Challenge: Saturday September 16th
We hope that all your soft toys enjoyed the challenge of riding the zipwire and that their certificates are proudly displayed!

Cambridge University Gospel Choir: Friday, November 10th 7:30pm
We are delighted to be able to welcome the CUGC to St Andrew's.

"The Cambridge University Gospel Choir (CUGC) is a student-led society established to provide a community and space for worship, singing and fellowship. They specialise in singing Christian gospel songs, with the aim of sharing the good news of Christ and to inspire, encourage and uplift all, no matter who they are or where they come from."

Tickets will be available from Jacqui Fuller (details below) and online (please see posters and social media for details)

Information
If you have any queries about church services or about our events, please contact the churchwardens:
Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com
Bridget Lofts: 07732726228 or 01954 231068: bml20@cam.ac.uk

Ministry Team:
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Colin Smith (Benefice Administrator): 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk
(Colin works Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am to noon)

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Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

Club Vintage is designed to support older people and extends a special welcome to those with dementia and their carers. There is a small £3 weekly charge. Each week, members enjoy a rotating variety of activities such as chair-based exercise, singing, bible-based crafts, quizzes, games and entertainment from others.

Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Compass Café "Encompasses the community"

You will receive a very warm welcome at our community run cafe. Enjoy reasonably priced coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. There is no pressure, drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, which includes cake and coffee for grown ups and drinks and a snack for the little ones! There are optional craft activities and singing as well. We hope you can come along and join us!

The Hub - Fridays 7-9pm

THE HUB

Our Friday night youth club! Open to all secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. Parents must complete a permission form.

Sunday Services

You are warmly invited to join us at Bethel every Sunday morning from 10:45am for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to everyone and are all family friendly! We have children's groups for all ages, from toddlers up to Secondary school. At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season. Every first Sunday of the month is our all age, café-style service!

Harvest Service

We'd love you to join us for our All Age Harvest Service on Sunday 1st October where we give thanks for all that God provides for us. This will be a joint service with Saint Andrew's, hosted at Bethel. If you would like to bring any dry food donations we will be collecting to distribute to a local cause.

Remembrance Sunday

We will be Joining Saint Andrew's Church for their Remembrance Service this year so there will be no service at Bethel.

Christmas at Bethel

Look out for upcoming information about our Christmas programme for 2023!

CONTACT US

Pastor Bob- pastorbob@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk
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Marianne Holt (Youthworker) - marianne@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk *www.facebook.co.uk/SwaveseyBethel*

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, E-mail: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). Website: care-network.org.uk/
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owls-community-care-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380
Swavesey Girlguiding	<table><tr><th>Unit</th><th>Evening</th><th>Contact</th></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rainbows</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>caroline@overroad.co.uk</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Mondays</td><td>swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Wednesdays</td><td>secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Guides</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyguides@gmail.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rangers</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</td></tr></table>
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans (swaveseyspartans.co.uk) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Lewis Walsh (swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com) or Neil Jordison (swavesey.secretary@gmail.com or 01954 204390).
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site **Beavers** Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Elizabeth Bush - Beaver Leader elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Cubs** Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Scouts** Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St Andrews Church, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday and Wednesday in the primary school main hall. Beginners and junior grades are 6pm-7pm and senior grades 7pm-8:15pm. The contact details are Mr and Mrs Morton 07919 050261 and enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk. The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Val Sage Tel 01954 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. 01954 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring Simon Shore 01954 230848
Swavesey Squash Club	Swavesey Squash Club has three international standard squash courts, in our recently refurbished clubhouse, on the Swavesey Village College site. The club has a number of weekly sessions running, suitable for beginners, improvers, and more advanced players. Unlimited use of the facility from £17 a month. A welcoming and active community club with social events and opportunities for competition. Visit our website for more details or contact Ali Loke on 07776 176866/ali@alilokesquash.com. www.swaveseysquash.com
Swavesey & Over Cycling Club	We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Contact: John Craven Email: socccommittee@gmail.com Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJCksZ_SOCC or Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lucy Parsons lucyparsons801@gmail.com. We train at Northstowe Secondary Academy on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
Over & Willingham Cricket Club	We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of. August. If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's) Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested. email - reesonhkx46k@aol.com; Telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - overandwillingham.play-cricket.com
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambridgeshire County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737391445
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch, Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: Phone: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or call/text Faye on 07908 443610.
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954)202757
Women's Walking	Women's Walking on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00am. Meet on Market Street green. Walk for approximately one hour on pathways in and around Swavesey. A chance to exercise and chat. Reasonably robust footwear recommended. All welcome. Clare Fox 01954 202882

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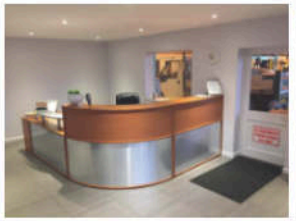

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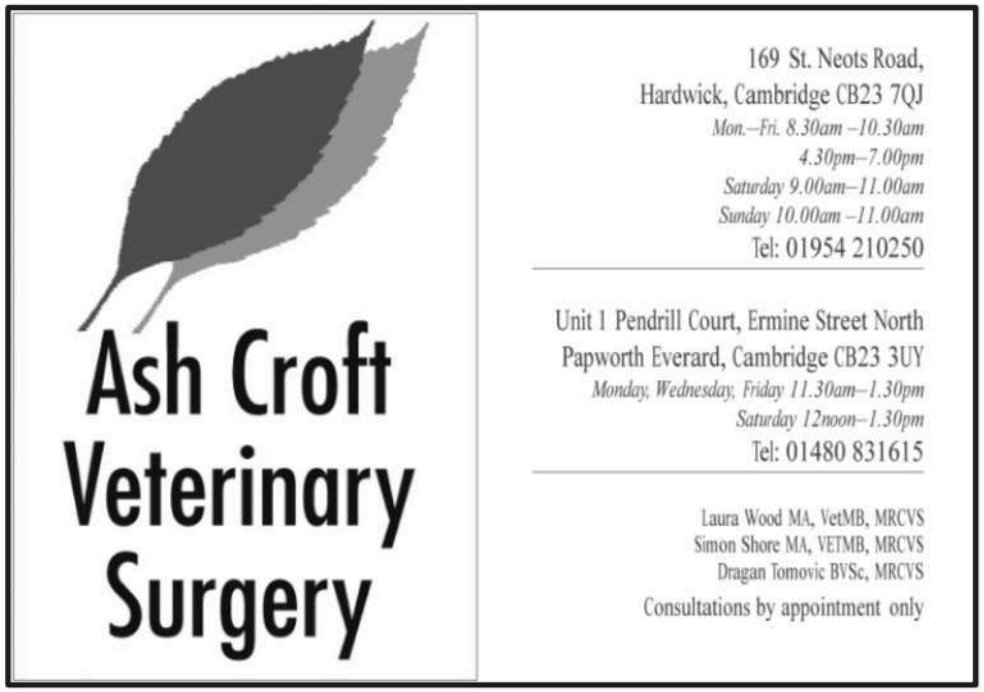
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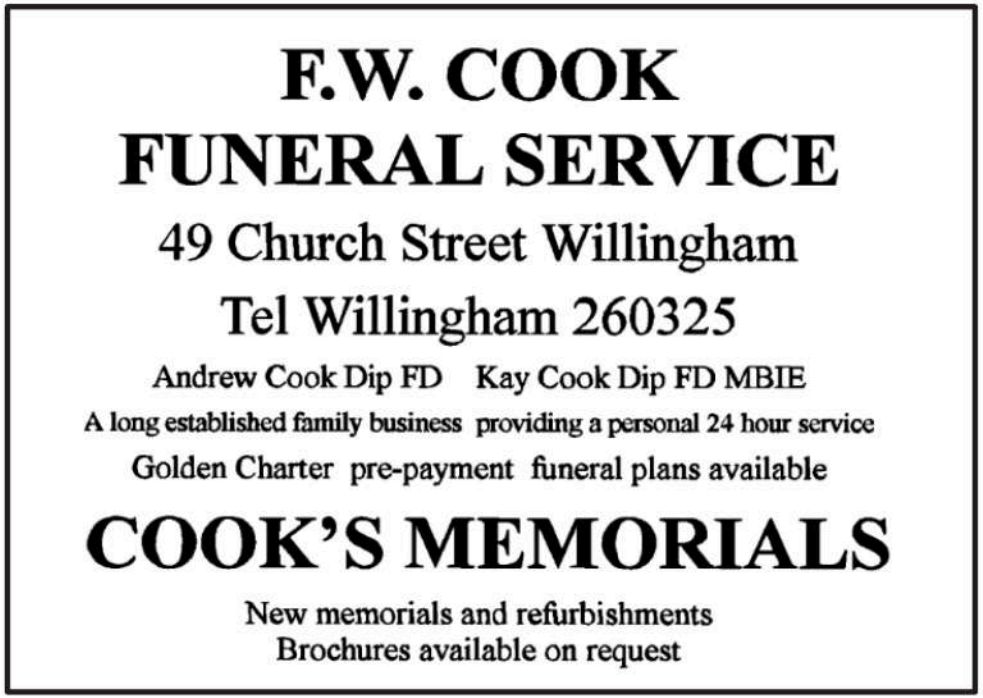
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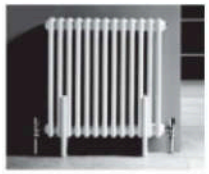

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